MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is not practicable to prepare such a statement owing to the enormous amount of labour involved.

Construction of the Neriamangalam bridge.

55. MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether tenders for 'Designs and Estimates' for the Neriamangalam bridge have been invited from firms;

(*b*) whether the Engineers in the Travancore Public Works Department are not competent to prepare the designs for the Neriamangalam bridge;

(*c*) whether the Government propose to engage contractors from outside Travancore for the construction of the Neriamangalam bridge; and

(*d*) whether the Government have received tenders for estimates from Travancoreans for the construction of the said bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The answers are in the affirmative.

(*c*) The Chief Engineer's recommendation on the tenders has not yet been received by the Government.

(*d*) The Chief Engineer has received tenders.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): With regard to the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), may I know who is to decide which is the best design for the bridge?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Government are the final authority.

MR. K. P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): When designs and estimates are together submitted to the Government, have the Government the option to reject either of these and accept the other?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): That is a hypothetical question.

PRESIDENT: No tender at any time need be accepted. Tenders may or may not be accepted wholly or partly. Government may not accept any tender at all. We may choose to take up the design and call for another estimate.

Mr. M. Srinivasa Aiyar, Supervisor, P. W. D.

56. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state how long Mr. Srinivasa Aiyar, P. W. D. Supervisor, Punalur, has been in that place?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Mr. M. Srinivasa Aiyar, P. W. D. Supervisor, has been working in the Punalur Section as Section Officer from the 21st Vrischikam, 1104.

Constitution of the Ayurveda Board.

57. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Ayurveda Board provided for in the Budget for 1107 has been constituted; and

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